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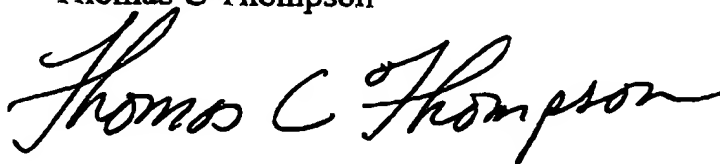
To: Ken Dorner

From : Tom Thompson

This is a copy of original sent to patent office explaining why I didn't have to pay for excess claims as they were renumbered as the examiner requested.

Thank You

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AMENDMENT E

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed 11/21/02, I have included in this response the following:

1. Response to Fees Due for excess claims.
2. Certificate of Faxing.

Very respectfully,

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Response

1. Re: Office communication mailed 11/21/02, by Clerk of Group, G. Johnson, requesting payment of \$114 fee for eight extra dependent claims and one extra independent claim, causing the applicant's amendment not to be entered. The applicant had requested canceling claims 1-11, and adding new claims 12-31 in a previous response. In the examiner's Office Action mailed 06/26/02, the examiner canceled claims 1-19, and renumbered new claims 12-31 as 20-39 respectively (under Rule 126). The applicant approved the examiner's action in the last response mailed 10/26/02. There are presently 20 claims in for prosecution, including two independent claims, therefore no fees are due. The Clerk of Group, G. Johnson, was probably confused over the renumbering. Since the applicant is pro se, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner clear up the matter of fees due, prevent abandonment of this application, and enter the last amendment.

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2. Certificate of faxing:

I hereby certify that I have transmitted these two pages by fax to the Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9327 on 12/26/02 (Date)

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